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Chairman Sinnud and members of the Appropriations Committee,

For the record my name is Jerry Jimison and I have the distinct privilege of representing the good citizens of Glendive as their Mayor. I truly wish I could stand before you today but other pressing issues as well as a 900 mile trip preclude this from occurring. However, I would like to present some information to you through this written testimony.

The City of Glendive fully supports House Bill 798 as this bill is not only the right thing to do for energy impacted communities but also the State of Montana as a whole. Having seen numerous oil booms and busts I can attest to the fact that money is needed to deal with the impacts associated with oil and gas exploration and production. I could give numerous specific examples of these impacts but hope that it will suffice to say that these impacts are real and go on for years after the boom is over. Thus HB 798 is the right thing to do for these communities as it will provide grant funding to help these communities deal with these impacts.

We also view HB 798 as an investment for the State of Montana. Funding from this bill will allow local governments to provide the needed infrastructure and services. Such infrastructure and services will act as a catalyst for future expansion or retention of energy related businesses in Montana. Thus HB 798 is not only a bill to provide impact funding to communities but also a bill which can help ensure economic growth to the State as a whole.

It is my understanding the Federal Government recognized these local impacts within the Mineral Leasing Act. This Act not only provides for federal mineral royalties to be distributed to the States but also strongly suggests such royalties be shared with impacted communities.

For the reasons listed above the City of Glendive fully supports HB 798. We urge you to pass this legislation as it is the right thing for impacted communities as well as the State of Montana.

Sincerely,

Jerry Jimison  
Mayor, City of Glendive

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March 20, 2007

Please forward the attached letter to the following:

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Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen P. Zander".

Kathleen Zander  
Glendive City Treasurer